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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: OIL RIG HOSTAGES SAFELY ON SHORE

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[1](#)1. Transocean Sedco Forex Managing Director Ian Clark told Econoff May 5 that all hostages and striking oil workers had been safely removed from the company's four rigs off Port Harcourt. He said the rigs are not yet back in operation but have been fully staffed by a new group of workers.

[1](#)2. Clark emphasized that no concessions had been made to the striking workers, adding that his company had no plans yet to schedule additional talks with them.  
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